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SUBJECT: DC DIRECTORATE MEETING

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SUMMARY: NOVEMBER 12 CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY DIRECTORATE MEETING SET DATE FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING WHICH WILL IN TURN DECIDE TIMING OF CRUCIAL PARTY CONGRESS. DIRECTORATE ALSO CHARGED EXECUTIVE GIUNTA OF PARTY WITH TASK OF PROPOSING MODIFICATIONS TO PARTY STATUTE GOVERNING SELECTION OF CONGRESS DELEGATES. ALTHOUGH BITTER DIVISIONS BETWEEN LEFT OF CENTER MINORITY LED BY PARTY SECRETARY ZACCAGNINI AND CENTER AND RIGHT OF PARTY PERSIST, DC SOURCES BELIEVE THAT CHANCES OF REACHING DC CONGRESS EARLY NEXT YEAR WITHOUT OPEN RUPTURE WITHIN PARTY HAVE IMPROVED. END SUMMARY.

1. DC DIRECTORATE MET NOVEMBER 12 TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR FORTHCOMING NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING AND PARTY CONGRESS EXPECTED EARLY NEXT YEAR. DIRECTORATE AGREED TO HOLD NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 23 WHICH IN TURN WILL DECIDE CONGRESS DATE. DC SOURCES NOW EXPECT CONGRESS TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH, WITH EXACT DATE TO BE DETERMINED BY ACTUAL TIME NECESSARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PREPARATIONS AND THE HOLDING OF LOCAL CONGRESSES TO SELECT DELEGATES. CENTER-RIGHT MAJORITY VIEW THAT  
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CONGRESS MUST BE HELD AS SOON AS TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE

APPEARS TO HAVE PREVAILED.

2. DIRECTORATE DELEGATED TASK OF PREPARING PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATIONS TO PARTY STATUTES GOVERNING SELECTION OF PARTY DELEGATES TO 16-MEMBER EXECUTIVE GIUNTA PLUS PARLIAMENTARY GROUP LEADERS. CENTER-RIGHT HAS CLEAR MAJORITY IN THIS COMMITTEE.

3. DIRECTORATE DECIDED AGENDA OF NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING WHICH WILL INCLUDE ELECTION OF NEW NATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT(TO REPLACE PARTY SECRETARY ZACCAGNINI). COUNCIL WILL THEN PROCEED TO POLICY DEBATE ON BASIS OF KEYNOTE SPEECH TO BE GIVEN BY ZACCAGNINI.

4. COMMENT: DC SOURCES CONTINUE TO REPORT BITTER INFIGHTING BETWEEN ZACCAGNINI SUPPORTERS AND PARTY MAJORITY SPEARHEADED BY PICCOLI, ANDREOTTI AND FANFANI. LATTER THREE "KINGMAKERS" REPORTEDLY ARE INCREASINGLY ANNOYED WITH CAUTION DEMONSTRATED BY FORLANI IN THE FACE OF THEIR URGINGS THAT HE MOVE SWIFTLY TO OUST ZACCAGNINI. FORLANI HAS BEEN PLAYING INCREASINGLY OBVIOUS MEDIATING ROLE IN EVIDENT HOPES OF GAINING PARTY SECRETARYSHIP AT CONGRESS WITH BROAD MAJORITY INCLUDING MANY NOW WITHIN ZACCAGNINI CAMP. WHILE CHANCES OF ARRIVING AT CONGRESS WITHOUT OPEN RUPTURE (WHICH COULD ALSO BRING DOWN GOVERNMENT) APPEAR TO BE BETTER THAN EVEN, MAJORITY MAY YETVOVE EARLIER AGAINST ZACCAGNINI SHOULD HE ATTEMPT TO OPPOSE THEM ON ANY MAJOR ISSUES. POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE RAI ISSUE (ROME 16481) MAY HAVE BEEN DEFUSED BY REPORTED DECISION OF MORO TO ACCEDE TO VIEWS OF DC MAJORITY ON PARTY NOMINATIONS TO HEAD TV FIRST CHANNEL AND ITS NEWS SERVICE. BEAUDRY

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